

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 6, 2011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a task force to develop criteria and procedures for  
2 data submission and verification to address insufficient  
3 sample data and to assure and/or disclose that the sample  
4 data relied on to develop a county's performance measure  
5 during a reassessment is representative of the bulk of the  
6 county's property inventory.

7 WHEREAS, At the direction of the House of Representatives  
8 through House Resolution 334 of 2009, the Legislative Budget and  
9 Finance Committee (LBFC) prepared a report on Pennsylvania's  
10 System for Property Valuation and Reassessment and issued it in  
11 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, The report includes a number of recommendations to  
13 enhance the current system, including the development of  
14 criteria and procedures for data submission and verification to  
15 address insufficient sample data and to assure and/or disclose  
16 that the sample data relied on to develop a county's performance  
17 measure during a reassessment is representative of the bulk of  
18 the county's property inventory; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the LBFC report, the appraisal  
20 performance measures published by the State Tax Equalization

1 Board are used by: taxpayers and local governments in property  
2 assessment appeals, the Department of Revenue for certain State  
3 realty transfer taxes and the courts when considering county  
4 assessment uniformity; and

5 WHEREAS, Despite this, the State Tax Equalization Board has  
6 not been charged or provided the necessary resources to assure  
7 that data used to develop the measures are consistently reported  
8 by all counties and are representative of the bulk of the  
9 county's property inventory, both sold and unsold properties;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, County property inventories, moreover, are  
12 substantially different and the differences currently are not  
13 taken into account in the development of a county's performance  
14 measures; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
16 direct the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader  
17 of the House of Representatives to appoint a task force to  
18 develop criteria and procedures for data submission and  
19 verification to address insufficient sample data and to assure  
20 and/or disclose that the sample data relied on to develop a  
21 county's performance measure during a reassessment is  
22 representative of the bulk of the county's property inventory;  
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the membership of the task force be made up  
25 of:

26 (1) Two representatives from the State Tax Equalization  
27 Board appointed from a list submitted by the State Tax  
28 Equalization Board to the President pro tempore of the Senate  
29 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

30 (2) Two representatives from the Department of Revenue

1 appointed from a list submitted by the department to the  
2 President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
3 House of Representatives; and

4 (3) Two representatives from the Assessors' Association  
5 of Pennsylvania appointed from a list submitted by the  
6 association to the President pro tempore of the Senate and  
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the task force be staffed by the Local  
10 Government Commission; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the task force be charged with developing  
12 criteria and procedures for data submission and verification to  
13 address insufficient sample data and to assure and/or disclose  
14 that the sample data relied on to develop a county's performance  
15 measure during a reassessment is representative of the bulk of  
16 the county's property inventory; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the task force report its results and present  
18 its findings to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk  
19 of the House of Representatives within six months of the  
20 adoption of this concurrent resolution.